WRITTEN QUESTION P-1024/08 by Philip Bradbourn (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: EU-funded charter flights to return illegal immigrants

I am given to understand that there is a budget line within the EU budget which provides assistance to Member States to pay for charter flights in order to return illegal migrants who have entered EU territory. Could the Commission confirm that this facility exists and indicate what take-up there has been since this programme was instigated by the United Kingdom?